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SUBJ: VIET-NAMESE AND ROK APPLICATIONS FOR UN MEMBERSHIP

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1. ON JULY 31, DEPUTY PERMREP BENNETT DELIVERED US. VIEWS ON VIETNAMESE AND KOREAN APPLICATIONS TO SOVIET DEPUTY PERMREP OVINNIKOV. BENNETT COVERED POINTS IN REFTEL A CAREFULLY AND IN DETAIL AND ALSO UNDERLINED DEEP FEELING IN US. ON VIET-NAM ISSUE, INCLUDING POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF VIET-NAMESE REFUSAL EVEN TO PROVIDE MIA INFORMATION. HE STRESSED EFFECT ON DETENTE IF TWO VIET-NAMS ADMITTED WHILE SOVIETS SEEN TO BE BLOCKING ROK.

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2. OVINNIKOV REPLIED THAT US. POSITION WOULD BE CABLED

MOSCOW. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THIS ADVANCE CONFIDENTIAL EXCHANGE.

3. OVINNIKOV SAID HE WAS WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS BUT HE WOULD SPEAK PERSONALLY TO EMPHASIZE THAT BOTH VIET-NAMESE WANT UN ADMISSION AND NORMAL RELATIONS WITH US.

4. OVINNIKOV SAID ROK HAS WAITED ALMOST FIFTEEN YEARS TO RENEW ITS APPLICATION; WHY WAS IT APPLYING NOW? BENNETT RECALLED FATE OF SEVERAL EARLIER ROK APPLICATIONS SINCE 1949 AND SUGGESTED ROK HAD HELD BACK IN RECENT YEARS TO FOREGO HUMILIATION OF ADDITIONAL VETOES. WHY SHOULD ROK BE PENALIZED WHEN IT WANTS TO JOIN?

5. OVINNIKOV FORESAW PSYCHOLOGICAL DAMAGE TO US. POSITION AT UN IF US. VETO UTILIZED. BENNETT STRESSED US. FAVORS UNIVERSALITY AND WOULD WELCOME NORTH KOREAN APPLICATION TOO. BENNETT STRESSED DESIRABILITY OF ACCEPTING ALL APPLICATIONS OR SHELIVING ALL PENDING BETTER ATMOSPHERE. OVINNIKOV THEN HARKED BACK TO FAMILIAR POSITION THAT DIVIDED COUNTRIES SHOULD BE ADMITTED TO UN ONLY IF BOTH PARTS WANT TO JOIN.

6. IN CONCLUSION, OVINNIKOV SAID HE WOULD REPORT MOSCOW'S POSITION WHEN RECEIVED. HIS ATTITUDE DURING CONVERSATION WAS SERIOUS AND WELL-MANNERED, BUT QUITE UNYIELDING. SEE SEPTTEL FOR SIMILAR BUT STRONGER CHINESE REACTION.  
MOYNIHAN

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